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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for recognizing that claims 8, 9, 18, 19, 40, 41, 45, 49, 54, 58, 62 and 64 include allowable subject matter.

Claims 9, 19, 41, 47, 51, 56 and 60 have been canceled and new claims 69-75 have been added.

The independent claims (10, 12, 26 and 33) have been amended to include the feature of guide holes into which guide pins are inserted, which was previously mentioned in allowable claims 9, 19 and 41 (now canceled). Therefore, independent claims 10, 12, 26 and 33 should be in condition for allowance.

The remaining claims, each of which depends from one of claims 10, 12, 26 or 33, should be in condition for allowance as well.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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